

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 have been cancelled without prejudice, and claims 11-16 have been added. No new matter has been added by virtue of the amendments. For instance, support for the new claims appears e.g. page 5, last paragraph and the original claims of the application.

Claims 1-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) over Soorlyakumaran et al. (U.S. 2002/0081520).

Claim 7 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 over Soorlyakumaran et al. (U.S. 2002/0081520).

For the sake of brevity, the two rejections are addressed in combination. Each rejection is traversed.

While Applicants disagree with the rejections, it is also believed the rejections are obviated by the amendments made herein.

Thus, independent claim 11 (the only pending independent claim) calls for a photoresist resin that comprises a hexafluoroisopropylalcohol group.

The cited document does not suggest a polymer that comprises a hexafluoroisopropylalcohol group.

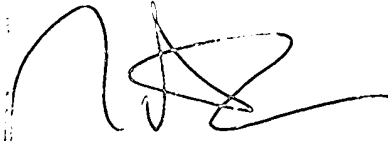
Accordingly, reconsiderations and withdrawal of the rejections are requested. See, for instance, *In re Marshall*, 198 USPQ at 346 ("[r]ejections under 35 U.S.C. 102 are proper only when the claimed subject matter is identically disclosed or described in the prior art."). See also Section 2143.03 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure ("To establish *prima facie*

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obviousness of a claimed invention, all the claim limitations must be taught or suggested by the prior art.").

It is believed the application is in condition for immediate allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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